

REMARKS

Claims 16, 17, 23 and 24 are now pending. Claims 13, 14 and 18 to 21 have been canceled in the present application -- however, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or other with respect to the subject matter of those claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Applicants thank the Examiner for stating that claims 16, 17, 23 and 24 are allowable. In light of the Examiner's acknowledgment, Applicants respectfully request issuance of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of all of the above, it is believed that currently pending claims 16, 17, 23 and 24 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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